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Supplemental Examiner's Amendment to remove the identification of deleted claims from the specification.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is a supplemental examiner's amendment to remove the identification of deleted claims from the specification.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dr. Shmuel Livnat on July 20, 2006.

Examiner's amendment to the specification:

Replace paragraphs [0039], and [0040] on page 8, with the following:

[0039] A method for isolating a HK-D3-binding molecule from a complex mixture comprises:

- (a) contacting the mixture with the above affinity ligand ~~of claim 33~~;
- (b) allowing material in the mixture to bind to the ligand;
- (c) removing unbound material from the ligand; and
- (d) eluting the bound HK-D3-binding molecule,

thereby isolating the HK-D3 binding molecule.

(0040) A method for isolating or enriching cells expressing a HK-D3-binding site or receptor from a cell mixture, comprises

- (a) contacting the cell mixture with the above affinity ligand ~~of claim 33~~;
- (b) allowing any cells expressing the binding site or receptor to bind to the affinity ligand;

(c) separating cells bound to the affinity ligand from unbound cells; and
(d) removing the bound cells from the affinity ligand,
thereby isolating or enriching the HK-D3 binding site-expressing cells.

Conclusion


3. Claims 1-13, and 40-43 were previously allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed 2/28/2006.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anand U. Desai, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0947. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon P. Weber can be reached on (517) 272-0925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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